

## FARM AUCTION QUESTIONS

SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

1. Is Monmouth Battlefield LE16-008 going to be auctioned off as one unit or divided:
  - ***The preference of the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is to enter into a Farm Lease Agreement for the entire parcel identified as LE16-008. If the Department does not receive a minimum bid offer it will offer the individual parcels identified as LE16-008A and LE16-008.***
2. Paragraph 4 of the Lease Agreement identifies that the production of hay is not a permitted use of the premises. I currently lease one of the properties and produce hay. Will I be able to continue to produce hay if I am the successful bidder on the premises?
  - ***If the successful bidder of the premises wishes to continue the production of hay on the property, it will be identified as a pre-existing condition in the lease agreement.***
3. Can the property for LE16-005 be partitioned?
  - ***Lease Map LE16-005 identifies the leased premise and the property cannot be partitioned.***
4. Please explain how bidding increments shall be \$100? Please give an example of a property with a minimum bid of \$105.00.
  - ***With a minimum bid of \$105.00 and bid increments of \$100.00, the bids will go up to \$205.00, \$305.00, \$405.00, etc. . . and continue until bidding stops for that property.***
5. What happens if no registers or bids on one of the auction parcels?
  - ***If no one registers for a parcel or the Department does not receive the minimum bid on the day of the auction, the Department will end the auction of that parcel and the parcel will be removed from farming until the next public auction for Farm Lease Agreements.***
6. I am interested in bidding on several parcels up for action Oct. 1. I am curious as to when is the last time parcels LE16-29 and LE16-37 were last farmed. Because we are certified Organic, the fields need to go for at least 3 years without any non-organic fertilizers or spray for us to get them certified Organic.
  - ***Parcels LE16-029 and LE16-037 were in agricultural production in 2015.***
7. Can you grow vegetables on the leased premises?
  - ***Growing vegetables are and approved use of the Premises for Agricultural Production Purposes.***
8. Are the Farm Leases, minimum bids, per year or per five years? In other words, if the bid is won for \$1200, does that mean the cost is \$1200 per year?
  - ***Yes, if the successful bid is \$1,200.00 that identifies the annual rent for each lease year.***